



Latest Scores: **Sample**



Historical Scores:



The City of Newport Beach is excited to offer the informative **Sage Steps** program to its residents in order to help them learn how they can best conserve water, and save money while they are doing it. It can be hard to understand how saving a few gallons of water really matters, but if the community can measure its total monthly consumption of water and compare against a benchmark, people will be more inclined to save.

Sage Steps is built around the idea that if consumers of water (and energy) can easily measure and compare their usage with families of similar-sized homes, neighborhoods, and demographics, they will

change their attitudes towards water (and energy) conservation. As attitudes change, people will begin to use less. If they can continuously measure, then they will be able to turn those attitudes into actions.

Simple to use and easy to maintain, The Sage Steps program will help you to save water (and energy). You can compete with your friends, neighbors, and even those across the United States to see who has the best Sage Score.

To find out how you can get your own Sage Score, and to learn more about what else you can do to save money while protecting the environment, visit www.watersmartnewport.org and click on **sage steps**.



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Suggested Weekly Summer/Fall Irrigation Schedule

	Turf Grass	Trees, Shrubs, and Ground Cover	% Option [#]
September [†]	4 days, 2 cycles* of 3 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles* of 4 minutes	70%
October	3 days, 2 cycles* of 3 minutes	2 days, 2 cycles* of 3 minutes	50%

* Programming the run time for a 2-4 minute duration and cycling one hour apart allows deeper watering, healthy root growth and minimize runoff.

[#] This percentage option, either a button or a dial, permits the watering run times for all electric valves managed by a controller to be increased or decreased by adjusting the percentage. It's always best to water in the early evening or morning.

[†] In September plants' water needs drop by approximately 30% even if the temperature his hotter, because the days are shorter, so evaporation decreases. Also, at this time, plants are entering a dormant phase, where they need less water. This rapid drop in water needs will continue through the end of the year.

Why not adjust your sprinkler timer now? It only takes a minute to save money and water. Please remember that the suggested schedules may not be appropriate for your specific property.

Questions or comments? Call (949) 644-3214 or e-mail conservationinfo@newportbeachca.gov.

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